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Airports without Flight Operations
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports in the country which are technically operational but do not handle a single flight;

(b) the details of the loss incurred as a result thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to operate flights from all the airports in the country?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b) : 22 operational airports owned and managed by Airports Authority of India in the country do not have scheduled flight operations. However, most of these airports are used for General Aviation purposes and handles non-scheduled and training flights. The details of profit earned/loss incurred at these airports are at Annexure-I. ;
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(c) : Flight operations in the domestic sector have been deregulated and the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDGs) issued by the Government. The airline operators provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand, commercial viability and their company policy. However, Government of India has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme under National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016 which envisages revival of unserved and underserved airports in the country in order to promote balanced regional growth. The scheme is demand driven.